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November 14, 2018

Hon. N. Lorrin Freeman  
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RE: Granville County Sheriff's Office

Dear Ms. Freeman:

I understand that you have been contacted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), about a recording that I provided to them. I would like your assistance in assessing the recording, and determining whether the SBI should open an investigation into this matter.

By way of background information, I was provided this recording during my representation of Joshua Freeman, in August of 2014. At that time, I was still in private practice. After coming into possession of this recording, I contacted Special Agent John Spears at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Cary. After speaking with him, I delivered a copy of this recording to him in August of 2014. I do not know if Special Agent Spears opened an investigation as a result of my meeting with him or not.

In January of 2017, I met with Director Bob Schurmeier and Special Agent in Charge Mike Denning of the SBI. An Assistant Director was also in attendance, and he took possession of the recording, but I understand that he left his position with the SBI shortly thereafter. On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, I provided another copy of the recording to Assistant Special Agent in Charge Lynn Gay. I provided it after learning of an investigation in Granville County, and considered it relevant to their inquiry.

I think, at this point, I would be considered a fact witness, and it would be appropriate for you to advise the SBI about whether or not to open an investigation.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Waters



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November 26, 2018

Re: Request for Assistance

Dear SAC Ammons:

Please find enclosed a letter from District Attorney Michael D. Waters of the 9<sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District in which he references an audio recording that was provided to me for my review. I have reviewed this recording. It contains a conversation between two individuals, one of whom appears to be the Granville County Sheriff, about a former deputy sheriff and culminates in a discussion about committing a homicide. I am writing to request the assistance of the State Bureau of Investigation in conducting an investigation into the contents of this recording and surrounding circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "N. Lorrin Freeman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

N. Lorrin Freeman